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June 4, 2012



The Honorable Garry Breeden
Sumter County Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Breeden:

In honor of our diverse and significant history, the Florida Department of State is coordinating Viva Florida 500, a statewide, year-long, multicultural commemoration. Viva Florida 500 is a unique chance to educate the world about our state, generate tourism, attract new business and contribute to the overall economic vitality and quality of our communities.

My purpose in sharing this information is to notify you of a specific partnership project between the Department of State and each county government, and specifically public libraries. In the near future each county will receive a time capsule that has been funded by a grant from the Federal Institute for Museum and Library Services through the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services. As stipulated in the grant, this time capsule must be provided to a public library in your county so that an event may be coordinated in recognition of Viva Florida 500.

I am requesting that you designate a contact person within your public library system that we may work with to coordinate the time capsule and other event(s) in association with the upcoming commemoration. We hope the library will work with their county commission to plan activities and programs. Please send the contact person's name, physical address, telephone number and email address to:

Jennifer Womble
Department of State
Division of Library & Information Services
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250
Jennifer.Womble@DOS.MyFlorida.com

I encourage you to promote Florida's unique history throughout 2013. The Time Capsule Program is just one way that you can engage citizens, and especially our young people, in learning more about Florida's history and the many stories about our great state. In addition to the increased tourism and economic opportunities that a commemoration of our rich history can bring, educating the world about who we are will create new opportunities beyond 2013, while increasing the pride Floridians have for our state.

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As you know, 1513 wasn't the beginning of Florida history. Native Americans lived here long before European explorers arrived. But 1513 was the year when our rich diversity of cultures began to transform into something different than anywhere else in the world. 2013 is our unique opportunity to share the state's important role in developing this great nation.

Thank you for your assistance with this statewide project. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Womble at 850.245.6604 or by email at Jennifer.Womble@DOS.MyFlorida.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Detzner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

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Barbara Shiflett